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SUBJECT: ECHEVERRIA VISIT TO ISRAEL AND HIS SEC GEN CHANCES

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1. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR AYNOR CALLED ON ME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO "ASK ADVISE". SAID HE HAD HEARD, WITH SOME DISMAY, ON EVENING NEWSCAST LAST NIGHT THAT PRES. ECHEVERRIA PLANNED TO VISIT ISRAEL IN THE COURSE OF HIS TOUR OF MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, AND SOUTH ASIA BEGINNING LATER THIS MONTH. NO PRIOR ISRAELI CLEARANCE HAD BEEN OBTAINED AND, RATHER INGENUOUSLY, HE ASKED WHETHER IN MY EXPERIENCE THIS WAS THE WAY ECHEVERRIA NORMALLY PROCEEDED IN MATTERS OF THIS SORT.

2. HAVING JUST COME FROM PRESIDENCY MYSELF AFTER PRESENTING SENATOR MANSFIELD TO PRESIDENT, I WAS ABLE TO PASS ON TO HIM ECHEVERRIA'S CONFIRMATION THAT HE DID INDEED HOPE TO VISIT ISRAEL, WHERE (ECHEVERRIA EXPLAINED) MEXICO HAD IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS TO PURSUE. I REMARKED UPON ECHEVERRIA'S NON-PROTOCOLARLY MANNER AND SAID I WAS SURE NO OFFENSE WAS MEANT. I ALSO MENTIONED ECHEVERRIA'S OWN REFERENCE TO SUDDEN VISIT OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO
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MEXICO IN 1966 WITH ONLY 27 HOURS' ADVANCE NOTICE. AMB.

AYNOR SEEMED REASSURED AND AGREED WITH ME THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT NEITHER PROTOCOL NICETIES NOR CORRENT POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN MEXICO AND ISRAEL PREVENT HIS BEING WARMLY WELCOMED THERE.

3. ON LARGER SUBJECT OF TRIP'S PURPOSE, AMB. AYNOR AGREED THAT ECHEVERRIA'S CAMPAIGN FOR UN SECRETARY GENERALSHIP WAS A KEY MOTIVATING FACTOR. MOREOVER (TO MY SURPRISE) HE SEEMED NOT TO LOOK WITH DISFAVOR UPON THAT EVENTUALITY, OPINING THAT HE WOULD CERTAINLY BE AN IMPROVEMENT UPON WALDHEIM. HE COULD NOT IMAGINE THAT EITHER US OR USSR WOULD EXERCISE VETO ON HIS CANDIDACY. IN ANY CASE, A THIRD WORLD SECGEN WAS WHAT WAS NEEDED TO MAKE THE UN WORK PRECISELY BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY A THIRD WORLD DOMINATED GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4. AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT FACTOR, HE THOUGHT, WAS ECHEVERRIA'S DESIRE TO BE A GENUINE THIRD WORLD LEADER. HE MENTIONED A RECENT CONVERSATION WHICH HE HIMSELF HAD HAD WITH ECHEVERRIA, IN WHICH THE LATTER INQUIRED IN DETAIL ABOUT PRESIDENT TITO'S AGE AND HEALTH, LEAVING THE IMPRESSION THAT HE ASPIRED TO SUCCEED TITO AS LEADER OF THE THIRD WORLD NATIONS.

5. I REMARKED TO AMB. AYNOR THAT I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ENCOURAGE ECHEVERRIA TO PLAY A CONCILIATORY ROLE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE THIRD WORLD. FOR THIS REASON ALONE, IT SEEMED TO ME MORE THAN WISE TO ENDORSE HIS PLANS TO VISIT NOT ONLY ARAB COUNTRIES BUT ISRAEL AS WELL, AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS VISIT TO STRESS THIS POINT WITH HIM (ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF CONFRONTATION OVER "ZIONISM" AT WCIWY HERE). JOVA

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